

**MANISTEE AREA P.E.G. COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 25, 1998**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Manistee Area P.E.G. Commission was held on February 25, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Balcer, K. Fenstermacher, M. Bajtko, G. Carlson, N. LeMire, T. Kaminski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** J. Mencarelli

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lori Donnan (Administrative Assistant), Jim Espvik (Filer Township Supervisor) Tex Collins, Lorraine Carlson, Mike Tillotson

The February 25 meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by K. Fenstermacher. A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Balcer to approve the January 21 minutes. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Fenstermacher presented the PEG Commission's proposal for the future operation of Channel 2 to Jim Espvik, Filer Township Supervisor. Mr. Espvik questioned if any of the other townships in the area had been approached for funding purposes. Donnan noted that she is currently in the process of gathering franchise agreements from all of the government entities in the area that have agreements with Cable Michigan. Mr. Espvik also expressed concern over the dropline equipment and wondered if new equipment would have to be purchased if the storage location was moved. Balcer informed Mr. Espvik that the equipment is a one-time purchase that is transferrable to another location. Mr. Espvik will take the proposal to the Filer Township Board on March 3, 1998. Mr. Espvik noted that he will also set up a meeting with Mr. Bifoss to discuss funding proportion issues.

Members watched a video tape on Kalamazoo Access Channel and then reviewed Mencarelli's letter to the PEG members. A motion was made by Carlson with support from LeMire to table discussion on Mencarelli's correspondence until he is present to answer questions. All members were in favor. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Fenstermacher distributed correspondence from T. Collins to all of the members present. F. Balcer shared an article from the Traverse City Record Eagle concerning the public access channel in Traverse City.

Citizen comments were presented from Mike Tillotson and Tex Collins.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEG Commission will be held on March 25, 1998 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Manistee City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy LeMire, Secretary